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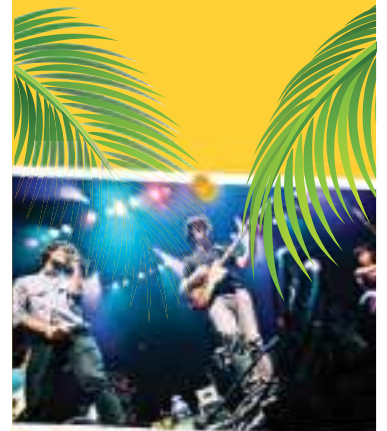
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1 President Emmanuel Macron won a commanding majority in France's parliamentary election on Sunday, sweeping aside traditional parties and securing a powerful mandate for pro-business reforms. The result, based on official figures and pollster projections, redraws France's political landscape, humiliating the Socialist and conservative parties that alternated in power



for decades until Macron's election in May. Three pollsters projected that Macron's Republican on the Move (LREM) and its Modern allies would win 355 to 365 seats in the 577-seat lower house, fewer than previously forecast. Voter turnout was projected to be a record low at about 42 percent. **REUTERS**

MEDIA: CLARKE RESCINDS HOMELAND SECURITY JOB

2 Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke, an African-American who became a staunch critic of the Black Lives Matter movement and a supporter of Donald Trump's presidential campaign, has withdrawn his acceptance for a job as assistant secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, newspapers reported. Clarke notified Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly of his decision, Craig Peterson,

an adviser to Clarke, said in a statement, according to the Washington Post and other newspapers. "Sheriff Clarke is 100 percent committed to the success of President Trump and believes his skills could be better utilized to promote the president's agenda in a more aggressive role," the newspapers quoted Peterson as saying. Neither the agency nor Clarke's office immediately responded to requests for comment. **REUTERS**

US WARPLANE SHOOT DOWN SYRIAN JET

3 A U.S. warplane shot down a Syrian army jet on Sunday in the southern Raqqa countryside with Washington saying the jet had dropped bombs near U.S.-backed forces and Damascus saying the plane was downed while flying a mission against Islamic State militants. A Syrian army statement released on Syrian state television said the plane crashed and the pilot was missing. It



said the incident took place on Sunday afternoon near a village called Rasafah. The "flagrant attack was an attempt to undermine the efforts of the army as the only effective force capable with its allies ... in fighting terrorism across its territory," the Syrian army said. **REUTERS**

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

PORTUGAL FOREST FIRE

4 Portugal declared three days of national mourning from Sunday after the most deadly forest fire in its recent history, raging through the center of the country. The fire, which broke out on Saturday in the Pedrogao Grande district, had killed at least 62 people and injured more than 50, according to the latest official update by Sunday afternoon. **REUTERS**



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5 When Wal-Mart Stores Inc. bought online retailer Jet.com for \$3 billion last year, it marked a crucial moment — the world's largest brick-and-mortar retailer, after years of ceding e-commerce leadership to arch rival Amazon, intended to compete. On Friday, Amazon.com Inc. countered. With its \$14 billion purchase of grocery chain Whole Foods Market Inc., the e-commerce company announced its intention to take on Wal-Mart

in the brick-and-mortar world. The two deals make it clear that the lines that divided traditional retail from e-commerce are disappearing and sector dominance will no longer be bound by e-commerce or brick-and-mortar, but by who is better at both. Amazon's purchase of Whole Foods also brings disruption to the \$700 billion U.S. grocery sector, a traditional area of retailing that stands on the precipice of a ferocious price war. **REUTERS**

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North Korea accuses US authorities of 'mugging' its diplomats at JFK Airport

The claim comes as political tension with North Korea is on the rise.

North Korea accused U.S. authorities on Sunday of "mugging" its diplomats at the John F. Kennedy Airport, forcibly confiscating a diplomatic package which it said raised questions about the city as the seat of the United Nations.

The North's Foreign Ministry spokesman said a delegation of the North returning from a U.N. conference on the rights of persons with disabilities "was literally mugged" at the John F. Kennedy airport in "an illegal and heinous act of provocation."

"Diplomats of a sovereign state are being robbed of a diplomatic package in the middle of New York where the head-

quarters of the United Nations is located and that serves as the venue for international meetings including the United Nations General Assembly," the spokesman said.

"This clearly shows that the U.S. is a felonious and lawless gangster state," the spokesman said in comments carried by the North's official KCNA news agency.

"The international community needs to seriously reconsider whether or not New York, where such an outrageous mugging is rampant, is fit to serve as the venue for international meetings," KCNA said.

The State Department and White House had no immediate comment on the North Korean statement.

KCNA said the incident took place on June

16 when more than 20 officials who claimed to be from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and police "made a violent assault like gangsters to take away the diplomatic package from the diplomats."

"This clearly shows that the U.S. is a felonious and lawless gangster state."

A North Korean spokesman, in comments carried by the official KCNA news agency

The diplomats were in possession of a valid diplomatic courier certificate, KCNA said.

The claim comes amid

diplomatic tensions after the North released American student Otto Warmbier whose parents said he was in a coma after being held by the North for 17 months.

Warmbier, 22, who arrived in the United States on Tuesday, is stable but "shows no sign of understanding language, responding to verbal commands or awareness of his surrounding," a doctor at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center said.

The U.N. Security Council has imposed sanctions against North Korea for the reclusive state's nuclear and ballistic missile activities.

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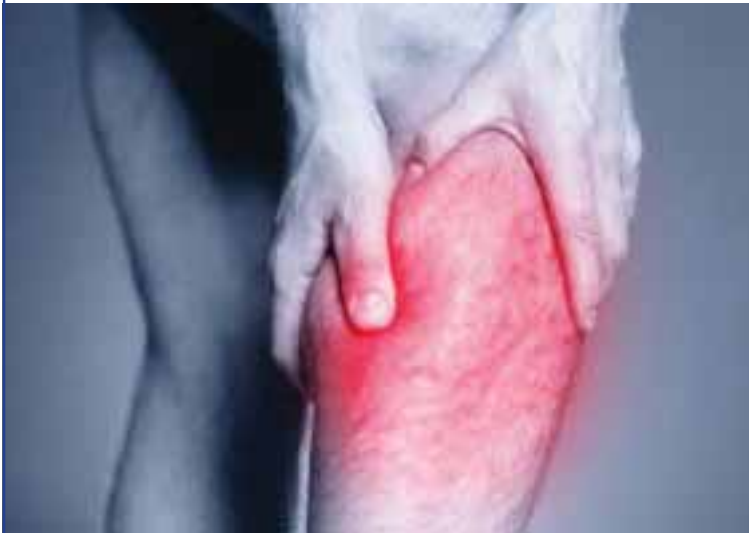
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The Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street BESS ADLER

New grant from Google aims to preserve Stonewall Inn stories

The legendary site is the subject of a new project to ensure that its history is not forgotten.

"This announcement sends an unmistakable message to Washington: that the America we know celebrates and cherishes its diversity. It doesn't hide from it or fear it."

Sen. Schumer

On Sunday, Sen. Charles Schumer announced that a project to document the stories of the 1969 Stonewall Inn uprising will receive a \$1 million grant from Google to help preserve the oral histories associated with the legendary Christopher Street location, ABC7 reported. The bar is widely regarded as instrumental to the start of the gay rights movement.

The Stonewall National Monument Experience, slated for completion in 2019, will preserve the oral histories of those who had firsthand experience of the 1969 riots, Pix11 stated.

"It's a story about being totally dehumanized," Thomas Lanigan Schmidt, who was present during the legendary uprising, told CBS2. "It's really important to preserve the digital history here."

The grant money from Google was given to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center, according to the New York Daily News, and will go toward finding and recording individuals' personal narratives regarding the uprising.

"People from all over the globe can really connect with the Stonewall Monument," Executive Director Glennnda Testone, with the LGBT Community Center, said to Pix11. The project is being handled in partnership with the National Parks Foundation.

"This announcement sends an unmistakable message to Washington: that the America we know celebrates and cherishes its diversity; it doesn't hide from it or fear it," Sen. Schumer was quoted by the Daily News. "With this money, they will translate the legacy of Stonewall from a physical landmark into a digital experience, so that the lessons of its history can reach tens of millions of people across the nation and across the globe."

The goal is ultimately to secure \$2 million to cover other expenses toward preserving the location's history, such as an informational kiosk, The New York Times reported. Google's donation is meant to cover the oral history record-



Sen. Charles Schumer praised the new grant from Google. GETTY IMAGES

ings, a social media platform for visitors and educational components.

"If we can do anything to get to share the stories and memories out there — I think of our platform, the reach we have — it's a very good thing," Google executive Eric Schmidt was quoted by CBS2, which added that the Stonewall Inn became part of the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

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TRUMP'S AMERICA: LAWYER UP, LAWYER DOWN

OPINION



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Where "is" and "isn't" are often fluid concepts. Where words don't always mean what they say. Where today's presidential assertions are tomorrow's fake news.

So yesterday, here was one of the president's new lawyers, Jay Sekulow, telling Chris Wallace on "Fox News Sunday" that "the president is not and has not been under investigation." Saying he wanted to be "crystal clear" that Trump's legal team is "not aware of any investigation." Added the lawyer: "The tweet came on the heels of a Washington Post story that had five anonymous sources."

"Oh, boy, this is weird," Wallace finally shot back after several rounds of "is" and "isn't" back-and-forth. "You don't know whether there's an investigation."

So, what do we know? As the lawyer and president struggle to get their stories straight, Democrat Adam Schiff of the House Intelligence Committee warned that the special counsel is "only getting started." Senate Intel's Angus King said he figures the various probes are "20 percent" done.

There's one thing we know for certain, however far along we are: Mueller isn't close to finished, whatever the meaning of is is.

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This early in the Russian-hacking probe, we've already hit the moment where the president starts twisting the meaning of "is" and "isn't."

Back in the 1990s, the Monica Lewinsky decade, that took years for Bill Clinton to get around to. Trump's momentous assertion came in a tweet, of course. That's how most of his momentous assertions arrive. He picked up his phone at 9:08 Friday morning — Trump Daylight Time — and started typing: "I am being investigated for firing the FBI Director by the man who told me to fire the FBI Director! Witch Hunt."

We can debate whether Deputy Attorney General Ron Rosenstein deserves the dis. Was he really the one who got the jumpy president to oust FBI Director James Comey? Trump made that bright move all by himself, he told NBC's Lester Holt. But after the tweet, can there be any doubt that the Russia-codling prez is now squarely in the sights of special counsel Robert Mueller? Sure, there can be. We're in Trumpville now.

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New Chronicle platform turns users' stories into visual, collaborative histories

Launched in May, the New York web- and app-based platform lets users create and curate an interactive visual history.



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From posting a photo or short-lived video as documentation of your every move to following your favorite celebrity or brand, people have been glued to photo-sharing apps like Snapchat and Instagram for years.

But one new platform is hoping to not only be a place for users to post pictures of their lives, interests or businesses, but to welcome others into the fold as well to create a chronicled, curated history together.

Aptly named Chronicle, the New York-based company's mobile and web-based service went live in mid-May and offers a "TimeSlider," which lets user interactively slide through a history of photos within a users' chronicle, among its features.

"There are a lot of different communities who can use Chronicle and come together around a hobby or a passion," Rachel DuShay, Chronicle's communications manager, told Metro. "If you're a parent, you can have a chronicle of your kid, and it's an easy way for everyone to put their photos in one place and show the kid growing over time. If you're a brand or organization, it's an amazing way to engage your customers."

Mery Racacchi, a fashion designer whose

namesake Mery brand is based in SoHo, was an early adopter and has been using Chronicle for nearly a year.

"I like it that people show their real lives — it's not about advertising yourself. It's about telling a story," she told Metro. "You can post very old pictures, and that's fun."

One of the biggest benefits Racacchi found from using Chronicle was the ability for users to curate feeds together on subjects that range from dogs of New York and the city's subway to Yellowstone National Park, women's rights and fishing among many others.

"You can learn a lot about others," she said. "For example, you can see the story of the graffiti in NYC. Things you never had the chance to see all together."

That was what drove founder and CEO Steve McBride to start the company in March of 2016.

"We want to basically be a collaborative visual Wiki in the end, that becomes a real resource of information for everyone," he said.

Chronicle is currently available as an iOS app, but can also be used using your phone's web browser, including Android devices. Users can also post from their computers as well. Images and entire chronicles can also be shared to other social platforms and be embedded.

The ability to also chronicle and share videos on the platform is slated to be added later this summer, McBride said.

For more info, visit onechronicle.com or follow [@thechronicleapp](https://twitter.com/thechronicleapp) on social media.



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Witnesses: Several injured after vehicle rams people leaving London mosque

The Muslim Council of Britain said the vehicle had hit people as they were leaving Finsbury Park mosque.

Several people were injured in north London early on Monday after a van rammed into worshippers leaving a mosque, witnesses said, in what British police described as a "major incident".

Police said they were called just after 12:20 a.m. to reports of a collision on Seven Sisters Road, which runs through the Finsbury Park area of the city. They said there were a number of casualties and one person had been

arrested.

"From the window, I started hearing a lot of yelling and screeching, a lot of chaos outside. ... Everybody was shouting: 'A van's hit people, a van's hit people,'" one woman who lives opposite the scene told the BBC.

"There was this white van stopped outside Finsbury Park mosque that seemed to have hit people who were coming out after prayers had finished. I didn't see the attacker himself, although he seems to have been arrested, but I did see the van."

A Reuters witness saw at least one person being loaded into an ambulance. A number of police and ambulances were in attendance.

The incident followed



Police take security measures after a vehicle plowed into pedestrians on the sidewalk near the Finsbury Park Mosque on Seven Sisters Road in London. GETTY IMAGES

a series of attacks in Britain.

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The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at **NY Pain MD** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targeting* during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.) can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.



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Knee With Painful Arthritis **Pain -**

Illustration shown is a knee joint with painful xosteo-arthritis. Arthritis causes the joint space to decrease, grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a lot of pain.



Research Shows Doctors Miss The Joint Space Up To 30% Of The Time Without Advanced Imaging **Failed Treatment -**

The injection (Lubrication medicine) misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of the digital imaging to guide the injection. This is why lubrication medicine may not have worked for you



Lubrication Medicine Injected Directly Into Knee Joint Like "Joint Oil" using Precision Targeting Technology **Successful Treatment -**

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You see, when you suffer with arthritis - the lubricating fluid (synovial fluid) in your knee joint dries up.

This means instead of gliding smoothly - your bones start to rub and grind against each other.

This causes a little pain in the beginning - but over time the pain steadily gets worse until it is excruciating.

Like "Joint Oil"

Viscosupplementation works so well because it is like "joint oil." It is a natural substance that contains one of the natural building blocks of the synovial fluid that lubricates your knee.

Scientists and researchers discovered this natural building block to synovial fluid in the rooster's comb - that big red thing on top of the roosters head. It is extracted from the roosters comb, purified and concentrated. They have also developed medical lubricants that are also natural but made a bit like yogurt and "cultured" into highly effective arthritis pain-fighting medical lubricants.

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Can Supplements Do The Same Thing?

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NY Pain MD is a state of the art medical facility offering nly the best technology.



Advanced Medical Technology Can Make All The Difference: This advanced Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology using fluoroscopic imaging allows doctors to see directly into the knee joint so treatments are precise and the FDA approved lubricating medicine actually goes EXACTLY where it is supposed to. Studies show that procedures done without this technology can miss the joint up to 30% of the time. This is one reason Viscosupplementation may not have worked for you in the past. **NY Pain MD** uses this P.A.T. Imaging Technology. with each and every treatment.

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How To Find Out If It Can Help You?

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The Navy's damaged destroyer USS Fitzgerald sails into its mother port in Japan after a collision at sea. GETTY IMAGES

Ship almost foundered after collision, bodies found

Multiple U.S. and Japanese investigations are under way on how a ship as large as the container could ram into the warship in clear weather.

The bodies of missing sailors were found in flooded compartments of the USS Fitzgerald, which came close to sinking after a collision with a container ship off Japan tore a gash under the warship's waterline, the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet commander said on Sunday.

Vice Adm. Joseph P. Aucoin declined to say how many of the seven missing sailors had been recovered, but Japanese media said all had died. "Out of concern for the families and the notification process, I will decline to state how many we have found at this time," Aucoin told a news conference.

The search at sea had ended, Aucoin said.

The USS Fitzgerald could have foundered, or even sunk, but for the crew's desperate efforts to save the ship, he said.

"The damage was significant. There was a big gash under the water," Aucoin said at Yokosuka naval base, home of the U.S. 7th Fleet, the docked Fitzgerald behind him.

"A significant portion of the crew was sleeping" when the destroyer collided with the Philippine-flagged container ship, destroying the commander's cabin, he said.

The Fitzgerald is salvageable, he said, but repairs will likely take

months. "Hopefully less than a year. You will see the USS Fitzgerald back," Aucoin said.

Aucoin was asked if damage on the starboard side indicated the U.S. ship could have been at fault, but he declined to speculate on the cause of the collision. Maritime rules suggest vessels are supposed to give way to ships on their starboard.

The 7th Fleet said in a statement earlier on Sunday: "Divers were able to access the space and found a number of bodies." They were transferred to a U.S. naval hospital for identification, it said.

The Fitzgerald collided with the merchant vessel more than three times its size some 56 nautical miles southwest of Yokosuka early on Saturday.

Three people were medically evacuated to the U.S. Naval Hospital in Yokosuka after the collision, including the ship's commanding officer, Bryce Benson, who was reported to be in stable condition, the Navy said.

The other two were being treated for lacerations and bruises.

The Fitzgerald limped into port on Saturday evening, listing around 5 degrees, a U.S. Navy spokesman in Yokosuka said. The flooding was in two berthing compartments, the radio room and auxiliary machine room, he said.

There were 285 crew onboard, the spokesman said.

Benson took command of the Fitzgerald on May 13. He had previously commanded a minesweeper based in Sasebo in western Japan.

Japanese authorities were looking into the possibility of "endangerment of traffic caused by professional negligence," Japanese media reported, but it was not clear whether that might apply to either or both of the vessels. REUTERS

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Gunmen attack resort outside Mali's capital, two dead

At least two people were killed in an attack by gunmen on Sunday at a luxury resort outside Mali's capital Bamako popular with Western expatriates, the security ministry said, but 36 guests had been rescued.

Gunmen stormed Le Campement Kangaba near Dougourakoro, to the east of the capital Bamako, a resort foreign residents often visit for weekend

breaks.

"At first we thought they were armed bandits but we know how armed bandits operate, they don't hold territory, so now we think it is a terrorist attack," Mali's Security Minister Salif Traore told journalists outside the entrance to the resort late Sunday, part of which was on fire.

Malian security forces, United Nations peacekeeping mission vehicles and French military armored vehicles were surrounding

the resort, according to a Reuters witness. A helicopter was circling overhead.

Security Ministry spokesman Baba Cisse said by telephone that two people had been killed, including a French-Gabonese citizen and another whose nationality was not yet known. Two others had been wounded, one civilian and a policeman, he said. An attacker had also been wounded and fled, leaving a sub machine gun and six bottles of

explosives behind, he said.

Malian state TV reported that 36 guests had so far been rescued.

Witness Boubacar Sangare was just outside the compound during the attack. "Westerners were fleeing the encampment while two plainclothes police exchanged fire with the assailants," he said.

A spokesman for French forces in Mali declined to immediately comment. **REUTERS**



British Prime Minister Theresa May GETTY IMAGES

Britain and EU launch Brexit talks in Brussels

Almost a year to the day since Britons shocked themselves and their neighbors by voting on June 23 to cut loose from their main trading partner, almost nothing about the future is clear.

Brexit Secretary David Davis starts negotiations in Brussels on Monday that will set the terms on which Britain leaves the European Union and determine its relationship with the continent for generations to come.

Even British Prime Minister Theresa May's own immediate political survival is in doubt, 10 days after she lost her majority in an election.

Davis, who unlike May has long campaigned to leave the EU, will meet chief EU negotiator Michel Barnier, a former French minister, at the European Commission's Berlaymont headquarters at 5 a.m. ET. They are due to give a joint news conference after talks among their teams lasting seven hours.

Officials on both sides play down expectations for what can be achieved in one day. EU diplomats hope this first meeting, and a Brussels summit on Thursday and Friday where May will encoun-

ter — but not negotiate with — fellow EU leaders, can improve the atmosphere after some spiky exchanges.

"Now, the hard work begins," Davis said, adding he wanted a deal that worked for both sides.

"These talks will be difficult at points, but we will be approaching them in a constructive way."

Barnier, a keen mountaineer, spent the weekend in his native Alps "to draw the strength and energy needed for long walks."

Davis' agreement to Monday's agenda led some EU officials to believe that May's government may at last coming around to Brussels' view of how negotiations should be run.

May's election debacle has revived feuding over Europe among Conservatives that her predecessor David Cameron hoped to end by calling the referendum and leaves EU leaders unclear on her plan for a "global Britain" which most of them regard as pure folly.

While "Brexiters" have strongly backed May's proposed clean break with the single market and customs union, finance minister Philip Hammond and others have this month echoed calls by businesses for less of a "hard Brexit" and retaining closer customs ties. **REUTERS**

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Despite mistrial in criminal case, civil lawsuits await Cosby



Andrew Wyatt and actor Bill Cosby are seen leaving Montgomery County Courthouse after the sexual assault case was declared a mistrial for manifest necessity on June 17, 2017 in Norristown, Pennsylvania. GETTY IMAGES

Pending civil claims against Cosby have been filed in two states.

Although Bill Cosby's sexual assault trial ended in a mistrial on Saturday, his legal problems persist as he faces assault and defamation claims in civil lawsuits, where the bar for evidence is lower than in criminal cases.

In civil lawsuits in the United States, plaintiffs need only show that the weight of evidence is on their side, meaning they have information to tip the scales above 50 percent in their favor, as opposed to criminal cases in which prosecutors must prove claims beyond a reasonable doubt.

At least 10 women have pending civil claims against Cosby in lawsuits filed in California and Massachusetts.

Two have brought claims against the 79-year-old entertainer for sexual assault. Others, barred from doing so because their claims were too old, have brought defamation claims against him, saying he smeared their reputations by publicly denying their accusations.

The judge in the criminal case against Cosby

in Pennsylvania declared a mistrial on Saturday after jurors said they were deadlocked and unable to reach a unanimous verdict on charges that Cosby sexually assaulted Andrea Constand in 2004. At the time, Constand worked at Cosby's alma mater, Temple University.

David Harris, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law who specializes in criminal justice, said the hung jury did not mean that a civil jury would clear Cosby of liability.

"There may not be enough evidence for a criminal conviction, but that does not rule out a civil verdict," said Harris.

Approximately 60 accusations of sexual assault have been made against Cosby over a number of years, but only Constand's resulted in criminal charges because the other alleged incidents were too old to prosecute. Cosby has denied all of the accusations.

Constand herself sued Cosby in 2005 and settled for an undisclosed sum.

Women bringing civil cases would also likely find it easier to introduce testimony from other accusers to support claims that Cosby engaged in a pattern

of assault, said Douglas Wigdor, a plaintiffs' attorney who represents clients in sexual harassment cases.

Little testimony about other accusations against Cosby was allowed in the Pennsylvania trial because of the strict standards for admitting evidence in criminal cases.

Prosecutors had sought to have 13 other accusers testify in Constand's case, but the judge allowed only one, finding that more would unfairly prejudice the jury.

Even with the lower standard of evidence in civil cases, Rodney Smolla, dean of Delaware Law School, said that plaintiffs bringing defamation claims faced a significant legal challenge.

In addition to proving that Cosby assaulted them, Smolla said, they would have to establish that he said something about them beyond denying the allegations, such as calling them known liars or promiscuous.

"The defamation case is this clever way of saying, 'If I say you raped me, and you say it didn't happen, then you're defaming me by calling me a liar,'" he said. "And that, in itself, is a difficult defamation case."

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Kenya Moore got secretly married

Kenya Moore, star of "Real Housewives of Atlanta," former Miss USA got secretly married last weekend. She waited a whole week to talk about it. Cool!

The 46-year-old reality star wed in an intimate beach getaway in St. Lucia, as you do. Her husband is a thus far anonymous businessman she met a year ago and started dating a few months later. And she's all about keeping his identity private. For now.

"I'm ecstatic," she told People. "This man is the love of my life and I'm so happy to



Cool story!

with the high that comes from marrying someone you've been dating for less than a year.

Anyway, cool about you meeting the love of your life and getting secretly married just to expose said secret message on Instagram.

Have fun with that!

begin our lives together as husband and wife." So ecstatic, in fact, that she took to Instagram to write some cheesy messages imbued



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Beyonce finally has her twins

The twin saviors have finally blessed us with their presence. What I mean is, sources tell Us Weekly and People that Beyonce finally welcomed her twins!

Beyonce's dad confirmed the news that his eldest daughter welcomed a girl and a boy in

Los Angeles last Monday. TMZ reports that despite giving birth last week, the twins are still being kept in the hospital because of a minor issue. Beyonce is reportedly still there with them.

For everything we know about the ity bitty prince and princess of music royalty, visit Metro.us/entertainment.

Will Janet Jackson's custody battle get 'Nasty'?

Janet Jackson's divorce is heating up.

The 51-year-old is, of course, in the midst of a divorce battle with estranged husband and Qatari billionaire Wissam Al Mana. The split could get her up to \$200 million under terms of their prenup.

Both Jackson and Al Mana were spotted leaving the Royal Courts of Justice in London on Thursday, months after the singer confirmed their separation in a video to her fans. "I just want to keep it real with



Oh, dear.

you guys," she says. "Yes, I separated from my husband. We are in court and the rest is in God's hands."

In the same video message, the "Dammn Baby" singer announced that her Unbreakable tour will kick off in September. She had originally rescheduled to accommodate the birth of her son Eissa, who was born in January. Now, sources claim that custody of their newborn son could be an issue — especially as she prepares for her major tour. Reps for the singer have yet to comment.

Celebrities react to Bill Cosby mistrial

Bill Cosby's trial ended on Saturday in a mistrial, which, ugh.

Now celebrities are reacting over Cosby — who has admitted to giving young women strong sedatives before, you know — escaping justice.

Bette Midler, for one, is piiiissed — about Cosby and Philando Castille, too. "WTF? The cop who we SAW murder Philando Castile gets off and Bill Cosby, who drugged and raped for years, does too. #whathap-

penedtojuries?"

And Lena Dunham, many women's problematic fave, had the most to say. "Bill

Cosby's trial is about much more than Bill Cosby," she wrote in a series of tweets. "When women see justice served, their own fear and trauma are erased."

Strong opinions, and rightfully so. Although, I do wonder: What does Keisha Knight Pulliam think about all of this?



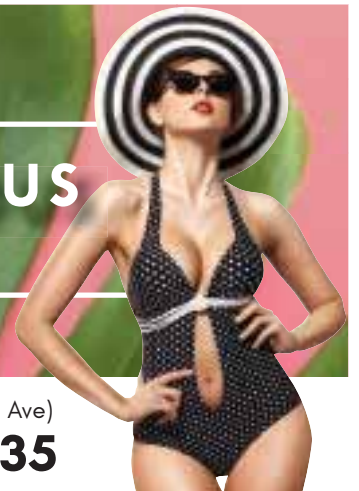
Lena Dunham was one of many who spoke out.

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5 Ways 'All Eyez on Me' fails 2Pac

The rap legend deserved a great biopic. He didn't get one — not for lack of trying.



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It's no fun to report that the 2Pac movie is bad. Bad comes in many flavors, and "All Eyez on Me" is bad in a way that breaks your heart. It's about an icon whose life story needs telling, made by people who clearly intended to do him right. And yet it doesn't take long to realize something — maybe everything — is off.

Well, almost everything: Demetrius Shipp Jr. really does look the spitting image of Tupac Shakur. He's the right

2Pac in the wrong 2Pac movie — one of the only solid things in a film this cut-rate, this disorganized, this compromised.

Here are five ways that, despite the efforts of the filmmakers — who spent 20 years trying to get it made, surviving untold legal battles and creative headaches — "All Eyez on Me" wound up being far from the ideal 2Pac movie:

It looks cheap

"All Eyez on Me" isn't Lifetime-cheap; the budget has been reported at between \$40 and \$60 million, though it doesn't look it. But it's hard not to wince at all the cut corners: the copious stock footage inserts, the noticeably poor rear-projection car scenes, concert scenes that look like they were

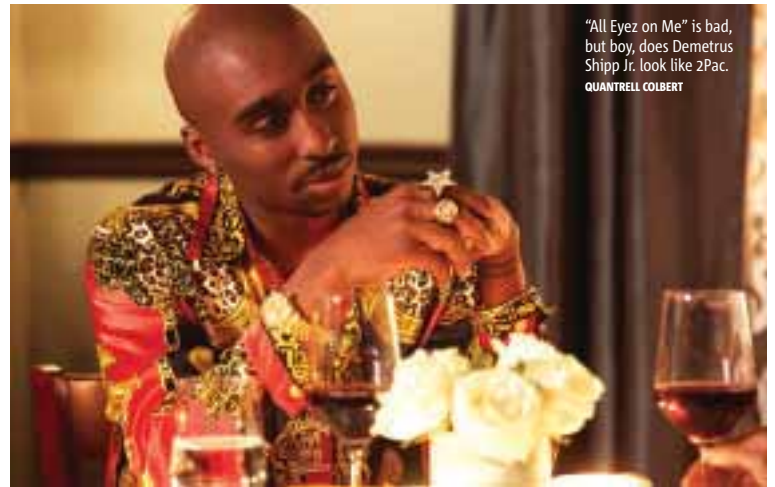
filmed by a rando with a smartphone. Compare and contrast with the gorgeous "Straight Outta Compton," which had around the same budget but knew how to make it shine.

Bad writing

The writing, on the other hand, is definitely Lifetime-level — superstar movie clichés, laughable dialogue. It's the kind of biopic where characters tell our complicated hero, "You're a walking contradiction," where white label execs praise him by saying, "You paint a picture for the listener. It's not always pretty, but it's real."

It's too nice

The movie's Shakur isn't always a saint, but the film is always on his side.



"All Eyez on Me" is bad, but boy, does Demetrius Shipp Jr. look like 2Pac.
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Once it gets to the sexual-assault case that put him in jail, it takes him at his word; when his lyrics are accused of misogyny, the movie cuts to a montage of him gingerly handing money to welfare moms.

It's a disorganized mess

Though it starts off presenting Shakur as a black power figure, carrying on the work of his Black Panther mother (Danai Gurira, another of

the film's good parts), it has trouble keeping that in focus. That thread is all but forgotten once he signs up with Death Row Records kingpin Suge Knight. The film gives Knight a scene lifted almost verbatim out of "The Untouchables," but its take on him is downright schizo: One scene he's a monster, the next a decent and fair man.

It's no "Straight Outta Compton"

"Straight Outta Compton" had cheesy biopic scenes, too. It also had the talent and the budget to overcome them, to make you feel like you were there alongside N.W.A. "All Eyez on Me" is all Cliffs Notes, compiled by a sweaty octopus. You can picture all the cooks in the kitchen, fumbling over how to cram an entire life into one movie, resulting in the depressing mess that is "All Eyez on Me."

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A toast to the GIF, all grown up

As the image format turns 30, this free gallery show examines it as an art form.



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GIFs are more than dancing bananas and internet punchlines.

To celebrate the GIF's 30th anniversary — yes! it's really been around for that long — Giphy, the web's largest directory of GIFs, wants to make you a believer that GIFs are fine art. So it's launching a pop-up exhibit called "Time_Frame" to celebrate the invention of the format on June 15, 1987.

"We wanted to take the GIF out of the computer and put it in a real space and allow people start thinking of it in a new light," says Jess Gilliam, creative director at Giphy.

Taking place June 17-



Giphy's previous GIF show, "Loop Dreams," was just the beginning. CHRIS CUBELLIS, GIPHY

22 at Gallery 151, the free weeklong art show will feature the work of 30 artists; for some, it's even their first commission, while others have been creating GIFs since 1996.

To bring the looping images into the real world, Giphy is using techniques like projec-

tions and virtual reality, physical installations and lenticular prints ("it's basically a print that has multiple frames within it, and as you shift your physical position, you see an animation within the print," explains Ari Spool, community curator at Giphy). Many of

the artists will take part in panels being held throughout the exhibition.

"What we've done here is curate 30 artists from the past, present and what we consider to be the future of the GIF," Spool explains. "These artists are doing all sorts

of different types of work," from hand-drawn to 3D animation, as well as programmers who create software to build their images like Kevin Burg and Jamie Beck's cinemagraphs, in which only a small part of an image is animated.

"People are going to see a lot of beautiful images that people might not necessarily recognize as being what we've traditionally referred to as a GIF," adds Gilliam. "But they will immediately recognize them as pieces of artwork and being challenging and beautiful in the way that you would recognize artwork at any other art gallery."

Since this is a birthday celebration, "Time_Frame" will also include an interactive timeline of the GIF's history — and let's just say the phrase "you've come a long way, baby" has rarely been more accurate.

If you can't make it to the exhibit, Giphy

If you go

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has also launched historyofthegif.com, an interactive timeline with artist interviews and tons of links to OG GIFs.

"People now communicate using pictures, because words have always been imperfect and images are a little bit better, right?" says Spool. "What was an expression format is now a communication format."

As for what makes a successful GIF, "It all comes back down to the loop, that's the magical quality about the GIF," says Gilliam. "It takes on new meaning the more that you watch it."

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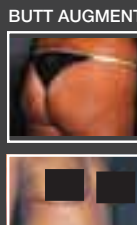
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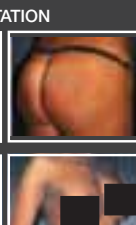
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Flex Co. founder Lauren Schulte at the Flex pop-up at Bulletin in SoHo. [INSTAGRAM/@ FLEXISFUN](#)

Flex is the latest innovation to help end period shaming.



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If you walk down Wooster Street in SoHo in the next few weeks, you might pass a sidewalk sign that reads "On your period? Come inside."

The sign sits in front of the boutique Bulletin, a retail startup that shows digital brands can sell in a brick-and-mortar store. The window display consists of stacked demi boxes printed with the word "flex" in gold lettering. "Have the most comfortable period of your life," and the URL — in all-caps, as though you're screaming it — IHATETAMPONS.COM, is etched onto the glass window above.

Yes, IHATETAMPONS.COM is an actual site — it's the URL for Flex Co., which sells disposable menstrual discs online.

From now through June 30, it's hosting a pop-up at Bulletin, where you can shop for the elegantly packaged period products alongside other e-commerce purveyors of apparel and lifestyle items, from bathing suits to essential oils.

Flex is the latest entry in a wave of menstrual-product innovation, which includes "period underwear" Thinx, Go Commando yoga pants by Dear Kate and breathable "oxygen-release pads" To2M.

"This is a test for us," explains Flex Co. co-founder Lauren Schulte. "First and foremost, it's around creating a conversation and getting periods out in the forefront — like on the street in SoHo."

The 31-year-old founded the company in 2015 after suffering from yeast infections "from the time I got my period through my late 20s," she says. The culprit? Tampons. "I learned that

Why create a disposable product?

"Changing human behavior is the most difficult thing," Schulte says. "To me, I think that Flex is a step in-between a completely reusable product and classic applicator tampons, which the majority of American women use." During the testing phase of Flex, Schulte gave women reusable prototypes, and while they said they loved the idea, when she checked back months later, the majority had discontinued them. She considers Flex a "stepping stone" for women to start on, and then "we can move women in the direction" of reusable.

cotton itself is disruptive to the pH balance of the vagina," she explains. "Since it's organic material in a warm, dark, moist environment, it's the perfect place for bacteria to grow."

Schulte tried over 30 period products, including the most well-known reusable menstrual cup, the DivaCup. While Schulte is an advocate for safe and effective menstrual devices — the more available on the market, the better, she believes — she found most of the options bulky and uncomfortable.

The LA-based marketing pro, who has worked with brands including Coca-Cola and UpWork, knew there was a middle ground between tampons and pads and reusable cups. (The Flex differs from a disposable menstrual cup, such as SoftCup, in its shape and placement). She and her co-founder, Erika Jensen, former director of e-commerce for the high-end sex toy company JimmyJane, came up with Flex.

The disposable, single-use discs, which you can wear up to 12 hours, are made of FDA-approved, medical-grade polymer, which Schulte explains is a "body-safe plastic" that's safe and effective in medical devices. Plus, "it's an inert material, which means bacteria cannot

grow in it," she notes. It's BPA- and phthalate-free, without silicone or latex (common allergens).

It rests in the vaginal fornix, located at the base of the cervix, where a diaphragm goes, as opposed to sitting inside the vaginal canal like a tampon or menstrual cup. Schulte says that, coupled with the fact that it's soft and collapsible, makes it more comfortable, with an added bonus: You can have less-messy sex while you're wearing it. While you can wear it with an IUD, Schulte advises women first consult with their doctor, because it's possible the IUD strings could be disrupted during insertion or removal of the Flex.

Schulte's ultimate goal: to remove the cultural taboo around menstruation and to increase education and conversation. "With women's products in general, we're told, 'do this,' or 'don't do that,'" she says. "It's women to women too, the shaming — 'why do you use this, why don't you use that? I do this, this is better.' Let's have a conversation and be educated about what we choose."

Visit the Flex pop-up at Bulletin on 138 Wooster, through June 30. Visit [Ihatetampons.com](#) for more information.

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Beginning tonight, free movies are back on the Bryant Park lawn!

The HBO Summer Film Festival (June 19-Aug. 21) kicks off its Monday night movie series with "King Kong" — the 1933 version, and still the only decent one, with apologies to Tom Hiddleston. This year's lineup trends toward oldies, with the Audrey Hepburn version of "Sabrina" (July 10), the Alfred Hitchcock thriller "North By Northwest" (Aug. 14) and ending on

a high with "Dirty Dancing" (Aug. 21).

Though the films don't start until sunset (between 8 and 9 p.m.), you have to get there early to claim a spot. The Bryant Park Lawn opens at 5 p.m., but if you're just arriving then, you're already too late. People line up to rush in and claim the best spots early, so arrive with your blanket at the ready.

You're probably wondering how to pass the three-plus hours between claiming your spot and showtime. There's entertainment including a classic cartoon before every screening beginning at 6 p.m., along with activities like guided meditation and live music.

While packing a picnic is always an option (no alcohol allowed), the Hester Street Fair has curated a bunch of vendors on the Fountain Terrace next to the lawn. Among them are Burger and Lobster, bringing the requisite rolls; poke bowls from Pokee NYC; Taiyaki NYC's rich soft serve in fish-shaped cones; and caffeinated treats from CoffeeMania.

A couple more rules: No dogs, chairs, tables or plastic tarps are allowed on the lawn. All films are close captioned, and while navigating the maze of blankets can be tricky, the park also boasts the city's nicest public bathrooms on its northwest corner.

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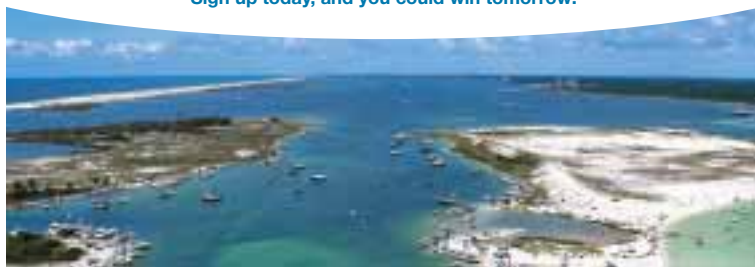
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Ace the exam with these test-day strategies.



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If the standard classroom exam wasn't stressful enough, try to stomach the GRE — a test that will help determine which graduate schools a student can get into. But the process doesn't have to be anxiety-inducing.

We spoke with John Fulmer, national content director for the GMAT and GRE at the Princeton Review for some tactics to help students take on the test with confidence.

Get the easy points first

In the GRE, questions aren't arranged in order of difficulty. "Question five might be significantly harder than question six, and so one of the things that works really well is trying to tackle the easy questions first." If you understand the concept, and think you can answer the problem in a reasonable amount

of time, then go for it, says the expert. But if something seems automatically tricky—say, a math equation that requires using a formula you never learned—it's important to simply skip it and move on.

At the end of the day, "it's really all about building up as many points as you possibly can," explains Fulmer.

Make use of the scrap paper

Test-takers have a bad habit of trying to solve problems in their head, says Fulmer. And while it might seem like a time-efficient strategy, it's often more harmful than helpful. Without any setup work to refer to, "there's no way to trace what you may have done wrong [in an equation], and you actually wind up taking more time than if you had just gotten into the habit of writing things down," says Fulmer.

And that doesn't mean students should jot down their work for just math problems. "Even for reading comprehension, doing something as simple as writing down a,b,c,d,e for the answer choices and crossing them off, as

you decide that they're wrong can really be a big time saver."

Reread the questions

"The GRE makes problems hard in a lot of different ways," says Fulmer. It may trot out a rule that not many people know, add some extra steps to an equation or include an obvious-looking answer choice that turns out to be wrong—and that's only a few of the tricky maneuvers. Sometimes questions are worded in a way that makes them easy to misinterpret, he explains. So how can test takers avoid falling into these hidden traps? By "making sure they get into the habit of rereading the question before picking an answer," says Fulmer.

If you're solving a geometry question, don't automatically assume that you'll need to find the area of the figure. That's what the test-makers want you to do, "and sure enough, there is going to be an answer choice that gives the area," he explains. Your job is to get rid of those preconceived notions and instead focus on what's on the page.

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When people think of mechanical engineers, they tend to envision a sort of handyman.

"They think that you're also a mechanic, and that you want to fix anything that's broken—especially cars and computers," explains mechanical engineer Israr Kabir.

But that's not really what the job entails.

While "fixing" is certainly an aspect of the job, these experts are actually responsible for designing and overseeing the manufacturing of products ranging from auto parts to cellphones. They get to research, build and test new devices using some of the most advanced technology.

We spoke with Israr Kabir, business development manager, manufacturing, at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers to find out more about the profession:

What does a mechanical engineer do?

"Mechanical engineers are the jack-of-all-trades," says Kabir. Not only do they research, design and build products, they also analyze and test the individual parts. When it comes to building an iPhone, "that means making sure that the phone doesn't overheat when charged and that the center button survives 1 million pushes," he explains.

"Whether it's estimating the cost related to a particular design or actually designing and manufacturing a product—a mechanical engineer is involved."

What schooling do you need?

Those interested in pursuing the profession need to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, says Kabir. While it's possible to find a job with an undergraduate degree, those who are looking to specialize—for example, robotics, nuclear energy, biomedical engineering, or aerospace—may choose to enroll in a masters program.

What's the typical salary?

The median annual salary for mechanical engineers is \$84,190, according to the most recent reports by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The best-paid 10 percent in the profession made more than \$131,350, while the lowest-paid 10 percent made \$54,420.

Finding employment

While everyone continues to panic about robots stealing their jobs, mechanical engineers can rest easy. "We'd actually be designing and building that robot, if you think about it," says Kabir.

"Because of the level of thought required—there's a lot of in-depth thinking from a technical and mathematical standpoint—it's not really a job that could be easily automated."

Plus, "companies are always looking for mechanical engineers," he continues. Those entering the field have their pick of industries, thanks to the variety of businesses that employ mechanical engineers, such as consumer products, energy mining, and even hardware startups.

The pros

Mechanical engineers have one of the greatest job perks: They get to use their creativity.

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I'm a somewhat superstitious guy. For any fans of "The Office," I identify with Michael Scott's quote of "I'm not superstitious, but I am a little stitious."

So given the New York Mets' run of luck with injuries over the past few seasons, I (like Mets fans everywhere) simply chalked it up to bad luck.

The Baseball Gods hate the Mets or someone representing the team must have done something so egregious somewhere down the line that the

entire organization and their fan base is paying for it now.

This team was supposed to compete for the National League pennant. Instead, they're 9.5 games behind the Nationals after an 8-3 loss on Thursday night where once again, an important contributor went down with an injury.

Center fielder Juan Lagares fractured his left thumb while diving for an Anthony Rendon single during the fifth inning. After initially staying in the game, he was pulled during the bottom half of the inning.

Injuries are nothing new for Lagares as he's suffered sprains and a torn ligament in the same left thumb within the past year. He also battled an

oblique strain just before the start of the regular season.

It was further insult to the Mets' injury list as Lagares' mishap in center came on the same day the team announced that second baseman Neil Walker and pitcher Matt Harvey would miss several weeks. Walker suffered a partial hamstring tear while Harvey has a stress injury in his right shoulder. Both were picked up on Wednesday night.

Oh, and the night before? Shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera was placed on the 10-day disabled list with a sprained left thumb.

Wait, I'm not done. Yoenis Cespedes is being hampered by a heel issue while Michael Conforto's back has been



Mets pitcher Matt Harvey will be out several weeks with a shoulder injury. GETTY IMAGES

bothering him. All this while ace Noah Syndergaard and closer Jeurys Familia are on the shelf for the foreseeable future. Hey, remember when David Wright played baseball, too?

It's a fact that no other team in the Major Leagues is hit with the injury bug like the Mets are and manager Terry Collins or Sandy Alderson can't continue to chalk it up to bad luck or a tough break.

Something has to

change and it needs to be within the training staff, specifically their head trainer Ray Ramirez, who has somehow been with the team for 13 years despite a laundry list of errors.

In 2008, he and the Mets basically ruined Ryan Church's career after the outfielder suffered a serious concussion. Not only did they put him on a plane the night it happened, which is a big no-no, Church continued to

play. Jason Bay also played with a concussion in 2010.

When does it stop? When do the Mets stop blaming coincidence and take action in addressing their assets dropping like flies?

The answer staring everyone in the face is Ray Ramirez and the Mets' training staff. Yet, the team will continue to look the other way and just shrug their shoulders when injuries withhold the team from contention.



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Don't count me as one of the millions who will be purchasing the Floyd Mayweather-Conor McGregor fight on Aug. 26. After months of speculation, the so-called superfight was finalized this past week for late August from the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Both fighters have been talking trash to and about one another for the better part of 12 months. What seemed like an unrealistic possibility is now a reality.

Professional boxing is not the cleanest of sports and it certainly has its issues, and this fight will not solve any of them. In fact, it will only magnify the problems even more. Think about it. What does it tell you about a sport that they need to put this matchup together to grab the national attention it so thoroughly craves? The pundits will say it is entertainment and a spectacle, I say it is nonsense and a



OPINION

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circus.

It might turn out to be the most lucrative fight in the history of boxing. That does not mean it will be enjoyable or fun. The fight will be neither. Mayweather bouts are boring when he is in the ring against world-class boxers, what should we expect now? The promotion and buildup will be more entertaining than the fight. We have over 10 weeks of hype and analysis to get through and then potentially 12 rounds of "action." It will be an entertaining 10 weeks as both McGregor and Mayweather are characters and they know how to promote themselves and their respec-

tive fights. The best part of this charade will be the buildup to the fight and not the fight itself.

Think about that state of boxing, that arguably the best pound-for-pound fighter of our generation in the undefeated Floyd Mayweather is coming out of retirement and putting his 49-0 record on the line to face a UFC fighter. Whatever you think of Mayweather the person, he is a brilliant boxer whose hand speed is legendary. His fights are not generally entertaining because Mayweather is a defensive fighter which leads to rounds that put you to sleep.

McGregor is one of the dynamic stars of the UFC, a mixed martial arts fighter who has never boxed before either as an amateur or a professional. Let me repeat that: Conor McGregor has never boxed before as an amateur or a profes-

sional. They will say all it takes is one punch from McGregor; I say that is nonsense. UFC's Dana White can tell us all that McGregor really believes he is going to win. Great. Let's all snap back to reality and put our feet back down on planet Earth.

What a joke, and we all thought the Manny Pacquiao-Floyd Mayweather fight was bad. What do you think this is? You can make all the arguments that you want that McGregor has a chance against Mayweather and there is literally nothing you can say that would ever convince me that he does.

I don't care that Mayweather is 40 years old. It does not matter that his last fight was Sept. 12, 2015. He has been too smart of a businessman over the course of his career to believe that he would risk everything that he has accomplished



Conor McGregor has been going full-tilt in the boxing ring lately. TWITTER

if he believed there was any risk whatsoever.

You need to know what you are buying before you make the purchase. Expect a spectacle and a tremendous buildup, but don't expect a great fight. If you buy it knowing you will probably see an atrocious

fight, then I can't fault you. The reason you will never see this kind of spectacle again is that very reason why in the previous sentence. It is not a fight, it is a circus.

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FANTASY BASEBALL: EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

OPINION



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Every season gives us plenty of fantasy break-outs and busts. This week and next, we'll take a closer look at players who have surprised or disappointed fantasy owners, and determine their outlooks for the remainder of 2017. Today, our focus is on the guys who have exceeded expectations.

Ryan Zimmerman, 1B, Nationals

It would have been impossible for Zimmerman to maintain the pace he set during his insane April, but he hasn't regressed enough to stop being valuable. After posting a gaudy 1.345 OPS and 11 home runs in the opening month, the veteran has hit .313/.359/.556 with eight homers since. He remains an anchor in the middle of a fearsome Nationals lineup, and has avoided the health issues that torpedoed his last couple of seasons. In a year full



There's no stopping the Yankees' Aaron Judge. GETTY IMAGES

of surprising surges from 30 or older first basemen (Yonder Alonso, Justin Smoak, Mark Reynolds), Zimmerman's performance might be the most shocking. **Hold**

Aaron Judge, OF, Yankees

There was never any question about Judge's power or his status as a physical specimen. His success or failure in MLB was always going to come down to whether he could make enough contact. Judge looked overmatched in a September cameo

last year, striking out in nearly half of his at-bats. While there's still plenty of swing-and-miss in his game, it hasn't stopped him from absolutely destroying the league this year. Judge is hitting an astounding .335/.444/.704 with 23 homers, 60 runs, 52 RBI, and six stolen bases. He's two points of batting average and one RBI off a Triple Crown pace, as a rookie. Judge currently has a .430 BABIP and 41.8 HR/FB percentage, neither of which is likely to persist over a full season (both would be records in the modern

era). What's clear, though, is that he's a star. **Hold**

Alex Wood, SP, Dodgers

Coming into the season, it looked like Wood might have trouble cracking the Dodgers' rotation. Thanks to a combination of injuries and ineffectiveness from some of his teammates, Wood has instead been arguably their best starter. Yes, even better than Clayton Kershaw. **Hold**

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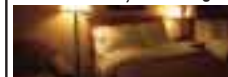
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- 6 On the -- vive
- 9 Split second
- 14 Pewter or steel
- 15 Tall vase
- 16 "Hello" singer
- 17 Autumn drifter? (2 wds.)
- 19 Pick up a lease
- 20 Cheviot mama
- 21 The younger Guthrie
- 22 Road rallies
- 23 Shelley or Pickford
- 25 Gentle slopes
- 26 Punk hairdo
- 29 Similar
- 31 Causes mirth
- 32 Safari quest 2 wds.)
- 36 Prom rental
- 37 Still
- 38 Rum-soaked cake
- 40 Sawbuck (hyph.)
- 43 Fairy-tale beast
- 45 Atlas abbr.
- 46 Rods and cones site
- 47 Fixation
- 50 Ruse
- 51 Eva or Magda
- 52 Tel --
- 54 Col. Sanders' place
- 57 Cube man
- 58 Artist's brush (2 wds.)
- 61 Burn candles to

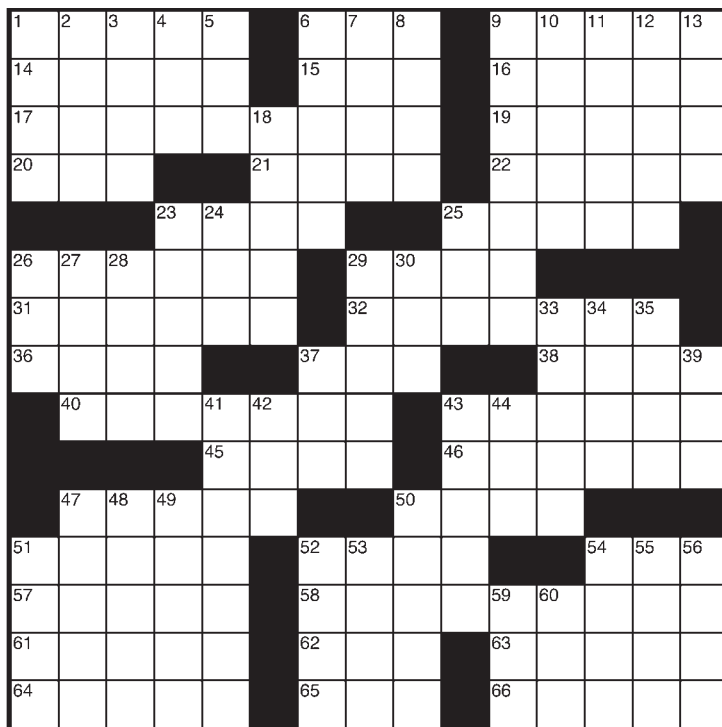
- 62 Psychic power
- 63 Insurance giant
- 64 Wined and dined
- 65 Shoat's home
- 66 Lamp-plug part

Down

- 1 Closeout
- 2 Snow remover
- 3 -- vera lotion
- 4 Two, in Tijuana
- 5 Cyclops had only one
- 6 Inquire about
- 7 Eurasian range
- 8 The lowdown
- 9 Discordant

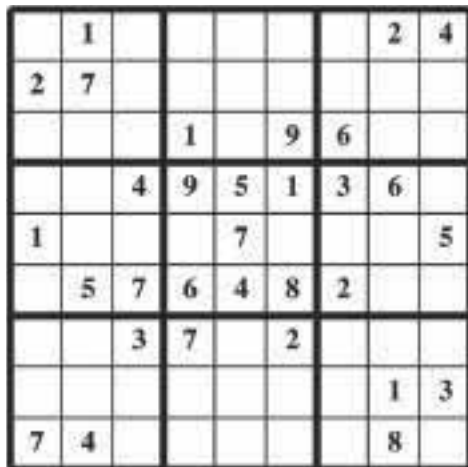
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- 18 Carefree adventures
- 23 Stone worker
- 24 Impress deeply
- 25 Apparatus
- 26 -- de mer
- 27 Neglect
- 28 Cronyn of "Cocoon"
- 29 Is a party to
- 30 Baby beaver
- 33 Slacken off
- 34 Star followers?
- 35 Poet's black
- 37 Thither and --
- 39 Wheel buy (2 wds.)
- 41 Looked smug
- 42 "Harper Valley --"
- 43 Inner motivation
- 44 Family mbr.
- 47 Bea Arthur sitcom
- 48 Monastic head
- 49 Bete --
- 50 Popeye's pal
- 51 -- Zeppelin
- 52 Does very well
- 53 Like the sky
- 54 Green Hornet's valet
- 55 Lapp neighbor
- 56 Jagged rock
- 59 Pool length
- 60 "Who sat down beside -- ..."

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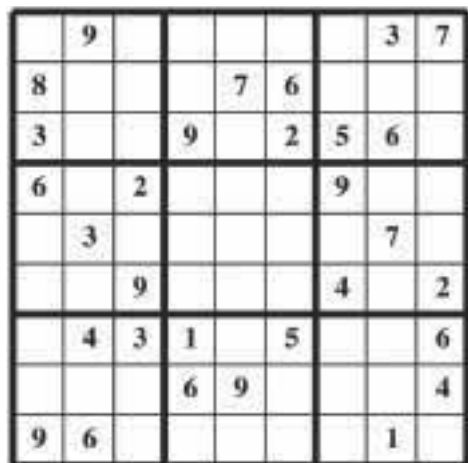


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